

Nahaco Commission Minutes for the meeting of April 2, 2014  
Meeting held at the Eastford Town Hall, Lower Level  
Submitted by Daniel Murphy on April 23, 2014

Members Present: Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Missy Vincent, Tony Perreault, Chuck Lee, Gary Kendrick, Tom Hawkins (7:19)  
Members Absent: Beach Baywood, Philippa Paquette, Sam Asikainen

Prior to the meeting of the Nahaco Commission, members of the Eastford Select Board (Art Broder, Terry Cote, Rob and Sarah Torcellini) and members of the Nahaco Commission (Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Gary Kendrick, Missy Vincent, Tom Hawkins and Tony Perreault) went on a walk to evaluate the state of Camp Nahaco. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported the following:

- The director's cabin is in good shape.
- The waterfront director's cabin needs repairs, to be re-shingled, and electrical work.
- Options for getting equipment in place to repair the underside of the dock were explored.
- The concrete wall along the lagoon area and waterfront needs masonry work.
- The old cook's cabin needs to be removed.
- The pump house needs **immediate** attention.
- The storage building is in need of repairs.
- The tool shed needs to be removed.
- The changing rooms need to be enlarged.
- Latrine #1 is in good shape but is useless.
- The winter shelters (infrequently used) and lean-to's group 1 have been partially repaired.
- Lean-to's group 2 need to be removed.
- The North Chapel is in great condition.
- The water tank needs to be removed.
- The upper latrine has no water.
- The Highland Cabin needs to be removed.
- The trading post is useable now but needs some repairs.
- The arts-and-crafts building is in good shape.
- The trail between the upper field and dining hall is drastically improved and much safer than before.
- The amphitheater is in good condition.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M.
2. **Motion:** To seat Missy Vincent. Chuck Lee, seconded by Mary Ellen Ellsworth. Unanimous.
3. **Motion:** To approve the previous meeting's minutes. Chuck Lee, seconded by Tony Perreault. Unanimous.
4. There was no public participation.

5. A. Tom Hawkins reported that the EIFC wanted tents for their event at Camp Nahaco, a desire the Commission had no issue with.

B. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported that the Ralph Yulo and Deb Lee will be leading the Eastford Conservation Commission's Walk and Program identifying aquatic organisms.

C. The Commission determined that July 12<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the Eastford Seniors program at Nahaco.

6. A. Tony Perreault reported that there are no Eagle Scout projects on the horizon for Camp Nahaco.

B. Tom Hawkins reported that significant progress has been made in the tree trimmings and tree inspections around Camp Nahaco.

C. Gary Kendrick reported that Amerigas has picked up its extra tank and that progress has been made in getting lower electric rates for the camp.

D. The Commission discussed ways to get people involved in Volunteer Day; Tom Hawkins reported that the Hyde School is very interested in sending students to help out.

Motion: To allocate up to \$300 to Dean Bunnell to purchase food to prepare for lunch on Volunteer Day. Chuck Lee, seconded by Tony Perreault. Unanimous.

7. Beach Baywood was not present to deliver the treasurer's report; however, it was reported that some day camp registrations have begun to come in.

8. A. There was no update on the budget planning for FY 2014-15.

B. It was reported that the meetings with the Woodstock and Eastford Select Boards went marvelously and that the hearing for the Eastford Budget is on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

C. Gary Kendrick reported that the Town of Eastford has agreed to put \$10,000 in its LoCIP plan towards improvements on the pump house at Camp Nahaco and will allocate an additional \$5,000 per year to the Commission moving forward.

D. The Commission discussed ideas for fundraisers. Gary Kendrick will contact North West Park in Windsor to look into how they manage their park.

9. The Commission discussed whether Nahaco Park would qualify as a 501c-3. This matter will be further looked into.

10. A. The Commission decided that the ideal day for Day Camp Set Up Day would be July 1<sup>st</sup>, with July 3<sup>rd</sup> as a backup.

B. It was reported that Rob Davis is working on digging a trench for the PVC pipe required to provide water to the upper playing field.

C. There was no update on the porta-potty schedule.

D. The Commission elected to have Rob Davis put up a sign at the entrance to Camp Nahaco that reads "Camp Nahaco is a trash free park – carry in, carry out."

11. It was reported that the Town of Woodstock has submitted its STEAP Application and that Camp Nahaco was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 4 applications submitted.

12. A. In response to the concerns from DEEP; Motion: To amend the Nahaco website to remove the word "townspeople" altogether. Mary Ellen Ellsworth, seconded by Tom Hawkins. Unanimous.

B. Motion: To approve, with minor edits, the commemorative plaque designed by Sam Asikainen. Tony Perreault, seconded by Chuck Lee. Unanimous.

13. Tom Hawkins reported that he obtained an estimate on the value of one of the paintings found on Nahaco grounds of over \$6,000. Tom will further investigate the value of the paintings and speak to restorers about other possibilities.

14. No clear candidates have emerged for the Woodstock membership opening up on the Nahaco Commission. There is a dire need for such a candidate.

15. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported that the "Nahaco News" and minutes have been posted on the web page.

16. - The Commission discussed possible activities they could sponsor for Eastford's Heritage Day.

- It was reported that Steve Broderick has suggested sign wording for the signs to be put up along the Old Connecticut Path and that those signs should be ready for Heritage Day.

- The Commission discussed getting involved in Walktober at the Last Green Valley but did not elect to pursue that option.

- Gary Kendrick raised the question of what to do with the pile of scrap metal on Nahaco grounds. The Commission discussed the matter and will obtain more information before proceeding.

-Chuck Lee and Missy Vincent will review the wording of the 2003 Nahaco Land Acquisition and Open Space agreement with DEEP.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.